Central Rules, 1971 in Steel as well as in Fertilizer Industries. The concerned State Government is the 'Appropriate Government' under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 for Fertilizer and Steel Industries. Complaints as and when received have been referred to the respective State Government(s) for appropriate action.

However, in order to have a uniform policy in the Steel Industry under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, the Central Government has declared Steel Industry as 'Controlled Industry' vide Notification No. S. 16011/1/83-LW-Vol. II dated 17-6-1985. The Central Government will be the Appropriate Government' for two years in respect of Steel Industry with effect from the date on which the above mentioned Notification is published in the Gazette.

Failure reports on Labour disputes

375. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of failure reports on labour disputes which have been received by his Ministry during the last three years and their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): During the last three years *viz.*, 1982—84, 6,050. Failure of conciliation Reports were received by the Ministry of Labour. 2,361 disputes were referred to adjudication and in 3,678 cases adjudication was declined. These include Failure of Conciliation Reports carried over from the previous years. Decision on 139 disputes is pending.

Prohibiting employment of contract Labour in magnesite mines

376. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some managements have challenged the order prohibiting employment of contract labour in magnesite mines;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a representation has been made to Government about amending the prohibitory order by including the individual undertakings as well; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) On the recommendation of the Contract Labour Central Advisory Board, the Central Government have prohibited employment of contract labour in the following jobs|operations|categories of work vide Notification No. SO 4307 dated 20-11-1984 published on 8-12-1984:—

1. *Chromite Mines*: (1) over-burden excavation and removal; (2) Drilling and Blasting; (3) Raising of Ore; and (4) Transportation of over-burden to dumps and Ore to stocking sites.

2. *Magnesite Mines*: (1) Over-burden removal; (2) Drilling and Blasting; and (3) Raising of Minerals.

3. *Gypsum Mines*: (1) Over-burden removal; and (2) Mining/raising of Mineral.

4. *Mica Mines*: (1) Raising of Mica; (2) Drilling and Blasting; (3) Dewatering of Mines; (4) Muck removal; and (5) Processing of Mica.

Some of the employers of the aforesaid Mines including Magnesite Mines have challenged the said Notification and filed Writ Petitions/Applications in various High Courts. In a few cases the High Courts have passed stay orders against the implementation of the aforesaid Notification. The matter is *sub-judice*.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As the matter is *sub-judice*, no decision has been taken.